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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" According to the latest figures available, the average size of a ryotwari holding in the State is 3·84 acres.

" The recommendations of the Land Revenue Reforms Committee are under the consideration of the Government and the question of economic holdings is also being examined in that connexion."

The Krishna-Pennar Project.

* 104 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri B. Bhima Rao) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the article entitled " Politics behind Krishna-Pennar Project " by Sri Tenneti Viswanatham, M.L.A., in the *Swatantra* of 22nd September 1951, has been brought to the notice of the Government;

(*b*) whether the particulars of the Krishna-Pennar Project and Pulichintala project mentioned therein are correct;

(*c*) whether the diversion of water for irrigation to Chingleput district affects the acreage under cereals in the Ceded districts to a considerable extent as mentioned on page 9 of the *Swatantra* referred to above;

(*d*) what the reasons are that have led the Madras Government to give up construction of the Dam at Pulichintala and cause the diversion now proposed; and

(*e*) whether the proposed diversion is final and irrevocable or subject to reconsideration?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Some of the particulars given are correct, but others are all wide of the mark. The details of the Krishna-Pennar Project as proposed have now been released to the Press and the public.

" (*c*) No.

" (*d*) The State's share of the waters of the Krishna and the Godavari, put together, is adequate to supply reasonable extents in all regions irrigable under the river systems. In utilizing this share, the economics of the projects, the importance of developing backward areas and the need for securing the much needed rice at the earliest possible date, have to be taken into account. With reference to these factors, the best scheme of co-ordinated development would be to use the waters of the Krishna and its tributaries for the Krishna-Pennar and Tungabhadra High Level Canal Projects, and the waters of the Godavari system for other areas including the region sought to be covered by the Pulichintala Project. All the schemes cannot be taken up for execution simultaneously. The Planning Commission was also prepared to accept for the Supplementary Plan only schemes investigated in detail. The

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Krishna-Pennar Project was accordingly proposed. The Pulichintala Project has not been investigated in detail and besides the area can be served more economically by the Godavari. Schemes for this and other areas will be investigated in detail and taken up later.

" (*e*) The scheme is under the consideration of the Central and Madras Governments and the Planning Commission. If co-ordinated and economic development of all areas and the speedy production of additional rice are to be achieved, the scheme must not be interfered with."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether this Government have represented to the Government of India that whatever may be the future possibilities of using the waters of the Godavari, the scheme submitted by them so far as the Krishna waters are concerned should be given prior consideration? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Subsequently, Sir, the Planning Commission appointed a Technical Committee and they have been touring or have already toured various areas, and they are examining the most feasible scheme. It is expected they will be able to make their recommendation in respect of the schemes to be taken up very early."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether this Technical Committee are seized of the question of the Godavari waters also or only of the Krishna waters? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" They are seized of the matter of the availability of the Godavari waters also."

Scales of salaries of teachers.

* 105 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri B. Bhima Rao) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received representations from the Madras Teachers' Guild and its various branches demanding enhancement of the scales of the salaries of teachers;

(*b*) if so, whether he will be pleased to lay on the table of the House, the memorial or representation received from the Madras Guild;

(*c*) whether the Government have considered the representation, and if so, what orders have been passed thereon;

(*d*) when the Government fixed the salaries of various grades of teachers on the last occasion; and

(*e*) what the index of cost of living is at the present day when compared with the cost of living on the date when the scale of salaries was fixed by the Government on the last occasion?